

**Resolutions Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.**

**SECTION 1.** Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Assembly, that the following amendments to the same are hereby proposed to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, under and in accordance with the provisions of the tenth article thereof, to wit:

**PROPOSITION 1, TO BE ARTICLE XI.**

**SECTION 1.** The aggregate amount of debt hereafter contracted by the Commonwealth shall never exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, except in case of war, to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, or to reduce the public debt of the Commonwealth, and the money so raised shall be applied to the purpose for which the debt may be contracted, or to pay such debts, and no other purpose.

**SECTION 2.** To pay the public debt of the Commonwealth, which may, but cannot be contracted in case of war, to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, or to reduce the public debt of the Commonwealth, the Legislature shall at their next session after the adoption of this section into the Constitution, provide by law for the creation of a sinking fund, which shall not be abolished till the said public debts be wholly paid, to consist of all the net annual income from the public works and stocks owned by the Commonwealth, or any other funds arising under any revenue law now existing, or that may be hereafter enacted, so far as the same may be required to pay the interest of said debts semi-annually, and annually to reduce the principal thereof by a sum not less than five hundred thousand dollars, increased yearly by compounding at a rate of not less than five per centum per annum; the said sinking fund shall be invested in the loans of the Commonwealth, which shall be cancelled from time to time in a manner to be provided by law; no portion of the sinking fund shall ever be applied to the payment of the debt of five hundred thousand dollars mentioned in the first section of this article, but the said sinking fund shall be applied only to the purpose herein specified.

**SECTION 3.** The credit of the Commonwealth shall not in any way be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, company, corporation or association, nor shall the Commonwealth hereafter become a joint owner or stockholder in any company, association or corporation in this Commonwealth, or elsewhere.

**SECTION 4.** The Commonwealth shall never assume the debts of any county, city, borough or township, or of any corporation or association, unless such debts have been contracted to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, or to defend the State in war.

**PROPOSITION 2, TO BE ARTICLE XI.**

The Legislature shall never authorize any citizen, city, borough or township, by vote of its citizens or otherwise, to become a stockholder in any joint stock company, association or corporation, or to raise money for, or loan its credit to, or in aid of any such company or association.

**E. B. CHASE, Speaker of the House.**

In Senate, April 23, 1854.  
Resolved, That this resolution pass. Yes, 22,  
nay, 6. Extract from the Journal.

W. M. JACK, Clerk.

**C. A. BLACK,**

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**PENNSYLVANIA, SECRETARY'S OFFICE.**

Harrisburg, July 1, 1854.

I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original "Resolution relative to an amendment of the Constitution," as the same remains on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Secretary's office the day and year above written.

C. S. BLACK,

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**Resolution No. 562, entitled "Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth," was read a third time. On the question, will the Senate agree to the first proposition, the yeas and nays were taken, agreeably to the Constitution, and were as follows, viz:**

Yeas—Messrs. Buckwell, Darlington, Darrie, Foggard, Frick, Fry, Goodwin, Haldeman, Hamlin, Hause, Kinzer, McClinton, McFarland, Piat, Quiggle, Sager, Sifer, and McCaslin, speaker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Crab, Crosswell, Hendricks, Kunkle, and Skinner—6.

On the question, will the Senate agree to the second proposition, the yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the Constitution, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Buckwell, Darlington, Darrie, Foggard, Frick, Fry, Goodwin, Haldeman, Hamlin, Hause, Kinzer, McClinton, McFarland, Piat, Quiggle, Sager, Sifer, and McCaslin, speaker—6.

No. The question was decided in the affirmative.

NAY—Messrs. Crab, Crosswell, Hendricks, Kunkle, and Skinner—6.

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Nays—none.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

Journal of the House of Representatives.

The question recurring upon the final passage of the resolutions, the 2d proposition was agreed to as follows, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Abraham, Adams, Atherton, Ball, Barton, Beyer, Bigelow, Boyd, Bush, Byrly, Calvert, Calvin, Carlile, Clegg, Cook, Crane, Cummings, Daugherty, Davis, DePrimo, Dunning, Eckert, Edging, Elbert, Evans, Fry, Gallentine, Gibbons, Graw, Groom, Gwin, Hamilton, Hart, Herr, Hieston, Hillier, Hippie, Horn, Hunsecker, Hunter, Hurt, Jackman, Kilgore, Knight, Laury, (Leigh), Lima, Magee, Maguire, Mandersfield, McConnel, McFee, Miller, Monaghan, Montgomery, Moore, Moyer, Muze, Palmer, Parker, Parmer, Passmore, Patterson, Porter, Putney, Rawlins, Roberts, Rose, Salada, Scott, Sibley, Simonson, Smith, (Berk), Stewart, Stockdale, Strong, Struthers, Wheeler, Wickliffe, Wright, Zeigler, Chase, Speaker—83.

No. The question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question will the House agree to the second proposition, the yeas and nays were taken, agreeably to the provisions of the 10th article of the Constitution, and were as follows:

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